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Tutunjian Remarks On Murder Arrest In South Troy Fire

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(January 11, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry J. Tutunjian offered praise to two separate City employees for the work today that led to the arrest of 21-year-old Philip Pitcher Jr. in the murder of his aunt, 41-year-old Lisa Pitcher. Fire Department Battalion Chief Tom Adams discovered the wounds on the victim when the two-alarm blaze was out, and police officer Ryan Holohan was on patrol when he saw the fire at 6 Van Buren Street in South Troy.

Pitcher has been charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and Arson in the 2nd Degree.

“These two employees deserve much credit for their work today,” Tutunjian said. “Officer Holohan acted quickly and likely saved lives by spotting the fire and running into the building to evacuate residents.”

“Chief Tom Adams keen eye saved the Troy Police Department a lot of time, and eventually led to the quick arrest of the suspect,” he added. “Both Officer Holohan and Chief Adams should be commended for their actions. The people of Troy are lucky to have these two people serving the City.”

Mayor Tutunjian is available for interviews on the subject until 8:30 p.m. at Troy City Hall.